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PRODUCTION OF CLOTHES IN HANDLOOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been continuous decline in the production of clothes in handloom sector during the one decade including current year in comparison to the targets fixed ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, year-wise; and

(c) the measures being taken by the Government to boost the production of clothes and to achieve the targets fixed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) : The estimated cloth production in handloom sector and targets fixed during the one decade (from 1997-98 to 2007-08) is as under;-

Year	Target (in million sq. Mtr.)	Production (in million sq. Mtr.)
1997-98	6877	7803
1998-99	7336	6792
1999-2000	7795	7352
2000-01	8282	7506
2001-02	8800	7585
2002-03	4005	5980
2003-04	4239	5493
2004-05	4491	5722
2005-06	4752	6108
2006-07	5031	6536
2007-08(prApril-Jan.08)	7865	6536

(b): The handloom sector is highly decentralized in nature and therefore the production in the handloom is estimated on the basis of domestic delivery of hank yarn in kgs. The production of handloom cloth during 1998-99 to 2001-02 had not met target due to the higher targets set. Considering this fact, during the Mid Term appraisal of Tenth Five year Plan, the target for handloom cloth was revised for the period 2002-03 to 2006-07. The production of handloom cloth had shown increasing trend during 1997-98 to 2001-02 except in the year 1998-99 which is due to the tandem with fall in total cloth production. The production during 2002-03 recorded a fall in comparison to previous year due to withdrawal of excise duty exemption on hank yarn. However, the production recorded a upward trend from the year 2003-04 onwards.

(c): Government of India is implementing number of schemes to enhance production, productivity and efficiency of the handloom sector and enhance the income and socio-economic status of the weavers by upgrading their skill and providing infrastructural input and marketing support. During the 11th Five year Plan, the following schemes have been formulated for upliftment of handloom sector:-

a. Integrated Handlooms Development Scheme

b. Marketing and Export Promotion Scheme

c. Handloom Weavers Comprehensive Welfare Scheme

d. Mill Gate Price Scheme

e. Diversified Handloom Development Scheme